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Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza Outbreak in Karnataka

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Report Highlights:

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General Information:

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India has had a series of avian influenza outbreaks in 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014, and 2015. The last avian influenza outbreak was recorded in January, 2016 (Please see [IN6014](#)).